

How Your Party Registration Affects Your Ballot Choices in the June 5, 2012, Presidential Primary Election

If you are registered as a nonpartisan voter, you may not be able to vote for the presidential candidate of your choice. Why?

Some political parties will permit nonpartisan voters to vote in their presidential primaries and others will not. These are decisions made by each of the political parties.

The Democratic Party and the American Independent Party both allow nonpartisan voters to select their ballot. They are the only parties that have “opened” their presidential ballots to nonpartisan voters.

If you want to vote for presidential candidates in any of the following parties, you must reregister to vote and select one of these parties: Republican, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom.

These parties have chosen to “close” their primaries. Registered nonpartisan voters will not be able to select one of their party ballots.

Everyone should check their [registration](#).

Voters who wish to change their party registration are urged to do so before election materials are mailed in late April.

This affects only the presidential contest. All other contests - such as congressional, state senate and state assembly races - are open, which means all candidates, regardless of party registration, are listed on the ballot. All voters may vote for these candidates regardless of the candidates’ or the voters’ party registration or nonpartisan status.

Still confused? See Below:



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